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NODE ADDRESS ASSIGNMENT
METHOD WHEN CONFIGURING
RING IN NETWORK

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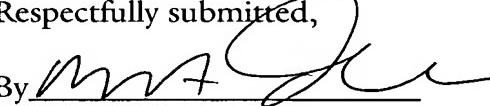
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